

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 12, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. TWIN OAKS, Washington, D. C. Sept. 12, 1906 My darling Alec:

Thank you for your nice long dictated letter. I am getting impatient to be with you again, but can't bear to leave Daisy all alone to bear the burden of nervousness about her baby.

Dr. Booker from Baltimore reiterates his opinion that Alec is a fine healthy boy who entered life with a good start, but the food he has had has not agreed with him. It is he thinks a great point that he has maintained his weight throughout all his difficulties, still it is not right that he should not have gained in weight as well as size, or that he should have so much pain and discomfort. They tried giving him the bottle but it was not successful, and they are afraid now to take him from his mother while it is so hot and there is so much dysentery about. He has not had any so far, but of course the danger of his doing so exists. I want Mamma to go away, but she refuses, she wouldn't leave Daisy if I would.

It's lovely in you to tell me to have a good time, and I want to take Mamma to the top of Mt. Washington as she wants me to, it seems the least I can do after all she has done for us this last year, but I would not stay away longer for any other than these two reasons.

I feel very strongly that I ought to be with you to see what is to become of us when Douglas and Mr. McDermid leave. I hope Mr. Baldwin will stay, if not we must see what else we can do for the tetrahedral must be pushed. It is not enough to invent a thing it must be forced into use. Charlie says he cannot even if he wanted to because of his position as President of the Am. Security, which prohibits his engaging in any speculative enterprise. But he would give Mr. Baldwin or a gentleman like him letters of introduction to

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business people, and aid him in every possible way to present the system to people who might take it up.

I will leave here the first moment I can, take Mamma up to the White Mountains which are on my way North, stay with her a few days and then leave her there with Gracie and proceed homewards. I cannot fix a more definite date for leaving, I would have left before if the baby had been growing properly. It is lovely this morning but is going to be another hot day, and this is hard on both Daisy and Alec, as well as other young mothers and babies.

I think you were lovely to take the Grosvenors to Lewisburg it is more than I would have done, but they did appreciate it.

Where is that Burr letter we paid \$250.00 for it and I could use it now, I have telegraphed for it at least twice. Everywhere concrete buildings are going up and Mr. Burr said here was the chance for tetrahedral steel construction in the hands of a good practical business man and he would help. You remember Maud's husband said the same thing independently. You did not quite approve of Kelly because he talked too much, now Mr. Baldwin is quiet and has impressed a man like Charlie favorably.

Daisy spelt "diswade" "disuade" and I "dissuade". I think Daisy's looks best.

Thank you for the nice things you say about my help in "Our Chapter." It was a hard time and yet a happy one to me for I did feel I was helping you.

Your loving, Mabel.